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GOVERNOR GILCHRIST'S

ONE DOLLAR A YR

OWEN WILL NOT HANG BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 23

Governor Gilchrist Wires Sheriff Ramsey to Suspend **Execution Until Further Advised.**

From Friday's Daily Sun:

R. H. Owen has been granted a reprieve of two weeks, the date for his execution having been set for Friday, July 23, and unless the attorneys managing the case, and the expert who will probably make another examination, do something, he will then be hung as per the second death warrant now en route to this city.

The information was received Thursday morning about 10:30 in the shape of a wire from Governor Gilchrist, which stated: "Suspend execution of death warrant upon R. H. Owen until July 23rd. Order folions first mail. A. W. Gilchrist, Governor."

Owen was not aware of the news that was received from Tallahassee on Wednesday night, which certainly did not look very favorable for prolonging his time to die, and both the condemned man and the sheriff were making every preparation for the ending Friday at noon.

Owens was seen in jail Thursday by a Sun representative and was very bitter against some of the main ones who have done their utmost to make the man comfortable and at the same time gain some sympathy for him from the public. He has prepared a lengthy diary, some twenty or thirty letter pages, which he says was for his wife to keep and turn over to their son when he becomes grown,

The diary in question commences at the first of his troubles and goes on, in his own way, to tell of all the occurrences of the man from the time he first went to the Jonesville section up to and including the killing of the two men, for the murder of one of whom he has been sentenced to hang.

Owen shows his confinement to some extent at the present time and has fallen off considerably within the past few weeks, although both Jailor 'lorlay and himself state that his appetite has been fine up until about two days since, but from that time he has eaten very little. The jailor the past two weeks, hence it is time ago.

strange that with the treatment be has received he could complain in the manner be does regarding both jailor and sheriff.

When Owen thought that he was to hang on Friday, the 9th, he stated that he had a great deal to say, and he was going to say "what he thought," regardless of whose feelings he might hurt, for he wanted the whole community to know just how he felt about the whole trial and the poor manner in which he had been handled, all because he had no money to fight ais case.

In getting around from his cell to the bars in front, Owen uses the sides of the wall for support, and claims that he will be unable to go to the gallows and if he is to be hung the officers will have to hold him up while the trap is sprung.

Owen is dissatisfied over being placed up-stairs instead of the cell below, but at the time he was removed the place below was too crowded and he kept up such a disturbance at night, and slept during the complaint, which caused his re-

The special physician sent here by Owen sane, and unless some extra information is received and another examination held he will die, as per the verdict of the jury, on July 23rd. two weeks from the time first set by Governor Gilchrist.

Some comment has been made concerning the report in Thursday's paper, but it was given just as the man has often stated to the reporter and not "colored" in any manner.

Escapes as Respite Comes.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 8.-Jim Parish, a negro condemned to be hanged in Decatur, Ala., tomorrow for killing another negro, escaped from jail there Wednesday at the very hour Governor Comer granted him a respite has spared extra pains to provide of thirty days. He was recaptured. fresh meats, fish, steak, etc., for the This the second time the negro has man, besides he has been given oat escaped. He was to have been hung meal and any dish that he called for last December, but left the prison and or his appetite might demand during was captured in St. Louis a short

County Commissioners Hold Monthly Session

ets met this day as required by law port: Bessie Goodson, \$5; Elizabeth 1) equalize the taxes for the year Jones, \$5; Mary Owens, \$3; W. M. 1 109, Present: J. G. Dampier, chair- Ward, \$5, S. H. Wienges, minutes man, C. W. Sammers, O. P. Cannou, court, \$71.20; Benson & Son, work at J. W. May and J. F. Townsend, also lail, \$11.55; Benson & Son, road work Tax Assessor Colson.

and the equalizing of taxes was taken East Florida Telephone Co., \$4.20; W up. After the examination of a por- M. Johnson, drugs, \$2.50; Drs. Mc tion of the assessment roll for 1909 Kinstry, services at fail. \$8; G. the board adjourned to meet tomor- Merheant & Co., sundries, row morning at 9 o'clock.

Gainesville, Fla., July 5. | den. \$1; Richard Griffin, pauper, \$6. The Board of County Commission- The following persons be paid for sup-\$6.75; J. S. Bodiford, medicine, \$2.25 The meeting was called to order W. S. Broome, county attorney, \$45

THE LUNACY QUESTION AGAIN

BEING AGITATED.

Very Probable That Another Examination Will Be Made as to Owen's Sanity.

From Saturday's Daily Sun:

R. H. Owen, the doomed white man, was dissatisfied when he learned Friday morning that he was not to be hung at this time, and that a reprieve of fourteen days had been granted him.

When Sheriff Ramsey alled upon him in his cell and informed him of the news he simply remarked that He didn't give a d--, but wished they had hung him."

Following is a copy of the order as received from Governor Gilchrist, and which arrived Friday morning, together with a new death warrant setting Friday, July 23, as the time for the hanging:

State of Florida, Executive office.

"Whereas, application is made to me for a respite of the death sentence ordered to be executed upon R. H. Owen, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung on the ninth day of July, A. D. 1909, pending an examination into the sanity of the said R. H. Owen;

"Now, therefore, acting under the the day, that the other prisoners authority vested in me as Governor could get no rest and naturally maue of the State of Florida, I do hereby grant a reprieve to the said R. H. Owen for a period of fourteen days from the ninth day of July, 1909, to lovernor Gilchrist has pronounced the 23d day of July, 1569, at the termi nation of which time the warrant for his execution will be enforced unless a commutation of said sentence be ooner decreed by the State Board of Pardons."

> The above order was signed and ealed by the Governor and Secretary of State. Whether the Governor will again send an expert here is not known, for the former man sent by he State department has rendered his report declaring the man to be

> Stephens, road supplies, \$8.59; H. C. Parker, supplies, \$12.49; W. D. Finlayson, road supplies, \$7.75; G. S. Merchant & Co., \$104.30; J. F. Townsend, money advanced on reads, \$2; S. R. Minton, road work, \$1; H. G. Mason, examination lunatic, \$7.50; S. G. Wynne, bringing lunatic, \$6.55; S H. Wienges,, stamps, \$14.05; Antizone Chemical Co., \$60; W. M. Johnson, drugs, \$1.50; McCormick & Howe, \$91.83; Phifer Bros., sheets, \$14.14; Geo. Beckham road work \$1.50; J. F. rownsend, road work, \$20; J. F. Hammond, road supplies, \$20.33; Frank Townsend, road work, \$3; C. W. Summers, road work, \$20; Hardee Bros. supplies, \$17.47; C. C. Fletcher, suplies, \$1.35; Hawthorn Trading Company, supplies, \$12.71; R. Z. Williams road supplies, \$4.30; T. R. Waits, serv ices, \$60; O. P. Cannon, road, \$20; N G. Mathis, road services, \$50; J. G. Dampier, \$20; King & Davis, road umber, \$9.08; Alfred Collins, road work, 75 cents; Ben Stewart, road work, 50 cents: N. B. Mott, coffin for auper, \$5; A. R. Elmore, balliff 6.25; Lole Hale, taking testimony Kelley-Davidson case, \$44.50; J. W.

ORDER FOR RESPITE THE TARIFF BILL HAS GONE TO CONFEREN

Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven Senate Ame ments to the Original House Bill.

WASHINGTON, July 10 .- The tariff | Republican pledges to the Ame now has been shifted from both people. houses of Congress to a conference committee. The House yesterday adopted a rule whereby all of the eight hundred and forty-seven amendments of the Senate were disagreed o and the cor erence request I by e Senate gran od. El "teen Repub-...cans voted ago nst the rule and one emocrat for it.

Vier the House met at neon interest was at level heat. The leaders on both sides had notified their respective forces to be on hand.

The debate, which at times waxed warm, disclosed the fact that there tell, Illinois; Calderhead, Ka were some Republicans, in addition to the socalled insurgents, who were yet to be pacified before they would give their votes on the final passage of the bill. The Democrats accused the majority party of having violated its ante-election pledges. A feature of the discussion was an appeal by Chairman Payne to his colleagues to send the conferees to the Senate unhampered by instructions. He promised to rigidly exact an explanation of every amendment made by the Senate, in order that the House conerees might report back in a bill which would meet the approval of the majority and of the country at large. His appeal was granted.

In the course of the debate, Representative Mann of Illinois declared be lution an invitation was accept would vote against the bill on the conference report if the Senate provision on wood pulp and print paper was retained.

Messrs. Randell, Texas; Pou, North death of Representative Cushmi Carolina, and Henry, Texas, charac-

In pleading for the opportun vote separately on the various a ments Mr. Bartlett, Georgia, de ke was in favor of the amend providing for free cotton ging and the drawback on cottor but as to the corporation tax, he it was "a subterfuge, a prete sham" placed in the bill to defer income tax.

Speaker Cannon announced th

lowing as the House conferees: Payne, New York; Dalzell, Pe vania; McCall, Massachusetts; Fordney, Michigan, Republi Clark, Missouri; Underwood, bama; Griggs, Georgia, Democr Senators Aldrich, Cullom, Hale rows and Penrose, Republicans Daniels, Money and Bailey, crats, were appointed conferees half of the Senate.

The Senate yesterday pass Philippine tariff bill and the bill matically continuing the Porto

An amendment by Senator ston, Alabama, declaring the inte of the United States eventua grant independence to the Philip was opposed as being out of place ar rejected.

By the adoption of the House Congress to be present at the A Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

Before adjourning the Sena ceived official announcement of Washington and adjourned out terized the measure as breaking the spect to his memory.

ing prisoners, \$151.20. Whereupon the jley, \$7.38; J. O. McGriff, \$1.10; board adjourned until tomorrow.

Wednesday, July 7. Board met with all members pres ent pursuant to adjournment. The board being called to order the following unfinished business was taken

Ordered, That H. G. Mason be paid for examining lunatic, \$7; John Jones, repairing county jail roof, \$10; J. G. Dampier, road hands, \$200; C. W. Summers, road hands, \$150; O. P. Cannon, road hands, \$350; J. W. May, road hands, \$200; J. F. Townsend, road hands, \$175. Costs in criminal court cases: H. G. Mason, \$118.95; P. G. Ramsey, \$345; G. W. Livingston, \$21.95; S. H. Wienges, \$111.12; C. S. Wienges, \$2.50; L. W. Fennell, \$62.80; S. G. Wynne, \$69.25; Ira J. Carter, \$59.05; J. A. Carlisle, \$39.22; H. C. Sealey, \$4.53; W. C. Hague, \$8; E. G. Spencer, \$7; E. T. Henderson. \$19.54; J. D. Siford, \$14; S. O. Barron \$4.05; M. T. Waters, \$3.40; M. A. Bex-

Stokes, \$1.18; W. F. Harris, \$1.4 C. Cason, services inquest, \$4.4 M. Kincaid, road fund, \$2,000; Montgomery, road fund, \$1,173.6 L. Bittinger, secretary road co tion, \$2; Robert Cason, aid, \$ G. Ramsey, road work, \$20; P. G. sey, paper, \$11.

That The Gainesville Sun is nated as the official paper to pe the acts of the Legislature for 19 That bill of R. D. Ford for nu

Tom Wynne, also team hire, b fused. That bill of Drs. Montgomery Johnson for surgical attentio

Wynne, be refused. That whereas, there is a gro demand throughout the count better roads, and whereas the boa anxious to comply with the den therefore be it ordered that all sons owning land and having the under fence move their fences

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The Sea Island Cotton Market Quiet and Du

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 10,-The deterioration from the previous market for Sea Island cotton was condition, priot during the past week, with quoactions unchanged. Some little businew was done on the banks of inside factors' quotations and "are rev the provided sales represented in Fancy Floridas

Sales for the week were 285 b The following prices were base

Offerings were Fancy Georgias21 be demand was indeferent Ex. choice Floridas 19 punts, while continuing far Ex. choice Georgias19 the main, began to speak Choice Ga's, and Fla's 17 from excessive rains, It Ex. fine Ga's, and Fla's 15

ult in Com. Ga's, and Fla's......11